

YOUNG MURDERER CONFESSES CRIME

Implicates Several Others, Including Former Officer, in Killing.

LEWISTOWN, MONTANA, HAS BIG SENSATION

Attempt Also Made to Kill Prosecuting Officer and Wife With Poison.

LEWISTOWN, Mont., Dec. 17.—James Sherman, aged 19 years, manager of the Argus Publishing company's stationery department, who was recently arrested on suspicion of brutally murdering Sam Studzinski, an old pawnbroker, August 2, for the purpose of robbery, has confessed, implicating Dr. E. A. Long, a dentist, Walter Gooch, former night Marshal of the town and Russell Horton and David Atchison, young men of the town, in the murder as well as in a postoffice burglary and many other recent burglaries of the town.

The jewelry stolen from the Studzinski place was recovered today from a place where it had been cached by Sherman.

Attempt to Poison Officials.
Roy E. Ayers, County Attorney, who has been active in solving the murder mystery, today made public the fact that an attempt was made December 1 to poison himself and wife, it being his theory that it was thought the attempt would put him out of the case by killing or frightening him.

Poison in the Water.
Mr. and Mrs. Ayers were away from home until 2 a. m. and when they returned found the house had been entered. When Mrs. Ayers took a drink from a bucket of water she noticed a peculiar taste and an analysis by a chemist revealed the presence of a large quantity of strychnine in the water.

Number of Arrests Made.
All whom Sullivan has implicated in the crimes to which he has confessed are under arrest.

Suspects Deny Confession.
Every one of the suspects deny absolutely that there is any truth in the story told by Sherman. Dr. Long points out the fact that he was not in town at the time of the postoffice robbery; and this statement is confirmed by the officers. Sherman has told contradictory stories in regard to some of the details connecting these persons with the crimes, and some doubt is expressed by the officers.

AID FOR RUSSIAN JEWS
Committees Are Forwarding Relief as Rapidly as Possible.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The National relief committee in this city for the victims of the massacres in Russia today received copies of the first reports sent to Sir Samuel Montague in London by Dr. Paul Nathan and G. Stet-

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taner, the special commissioners of the international relief committee, who are distributing the relief fund.
The commissioners describe the conditions and obstacles which they are combating. The work is going forward as rapidly as possible under the circumstances. Already relief has been given to hundreds of families in the larger cities. The commissioners are operating wherever possible with the St. Petersburg committee, which, it is stated, has been very active and with local committees. Towns which have raised funds will be asked to save them for their own relief.
The commissioners suggest that no sum be sent to any town in response to urgent telegrams or appeals after the commission and the St. Petersburg committee have together decided upon the relief necessary.

HOLIDAY RATES TO DENVER
Via D. & R. G. R. R.

On December 22-23 the D. & R. G. R. R. will sell tickets to Denver and return, limited to January 10, 1906, good for round trip in both directions, at rate of \$22.50.

LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED
Demonstration Made at St. Paul's Cathedral in Metropolis.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—London's unemployed made a demonstration at St. Paul's cathedral this afternoon in a half-hearted, hopeless and unusual manner. Only a few hundred of them, with appropriate banners, went in procession from Trafalgar Square to the cathedral, where they arrived during the progress of the service and up the steps of which they marched singing the "Marseillaise."

Here the motley crowd was joined by contingents from other quarters, and all, to the number of some three thousand, began filing into the cathedral, silently and respectfully, making an incongruous picture in contrast with the fashionably dressed worshippers.

Such a scene has not been witnessed at St. Paul's since twenty years ago, when John Burns, now president of the local government board, led a similar demonstration to the cathedral. Although the preacher made sympathetic references to the problem of the unemployed, the men became tired long before the service ended, and most of them fled out. Some of the leaders delivered addresses from the steps and the demonstration was quietly dispersed.

ITALIAN MINISTRY HAS TENDERED RESIGNATION

This Was Done After a Twelve-Hour Debate in Chamber of Deputies.

ROME, Dec. 17.—The cabinet of Prime Minister Fortis resigned this evening following a twelve hours' debate in the Chamber of Deputies and the defeat by the opposition of the commercial modus vivendi with Spain. The sitting was a most exciting one. It had been understood that the fate of the cabinet would be decided by the vote on the measure, and 450 deputies were present.

The visitors' gallery was crowded to overflowing and the famous tragedian, Salvini, who had been unable to gain admittance, was sent to the press tribune with a ticket on which was written, "Salvini, editor of Success."

Government Is Defended.
In the debate Premier Fortis defended the position of the Government, saying that the modus vivendi would protect Italian interests and the assertion of the opposition that a reduction in the duty on Spanish wines from \$4 to \$2.40 would open a market to Spanish growers was untrue. In order to avoid a misunderstanding, he said he would request the chamber for an explicit vote of confidence independent of the vote on the measure in debate and declared the Government was willing to resign if it was defeated on either question.

Ministry Not Sustained.
The poll on confidence in the Government resulted in an affirmative majority of 63, but that on the modus vivendi was lost by a majority of 162. The Ministry then resigned.

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DECLINES FATHER'S WEALTH
No Heirs Can Be Found for Swan Valin, a Laporte Hermit.

LAPORTE, Ind., Dec. 17.—Charles Rydeen announced to Judge Richter his inability to find heirs to the estate of Swan Valin, a hermit, who died recently and whose estate was not uncovered until after his death.

Valin was supposed to have a daughter in Chicago, but persistent search has failed to find her. She returned home several years ago, but the father refused to own her as his child and she went away broken hearted, declaring she would never again return home. With a small fortune awaiting her, no trace of her has been found.



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CREMATED IN A THEATER FIRE

Four Lives Lost in Conflagration Which Visits City of Lorain, Ohio.

LORAIN, O., Dec. 17.—Four lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Verbeck theater here early this morning.

Dead.
JAMES DWYER, 28,
MRS. WILLIAM MARSH, 24, and her two children, Grace, aged 3, and Clifford, aged 7 months.

Lived in Theater Building.
The Marsh family had apartments in the front of the building on the third floor. William Marsh was stage manager for the theater. Dwyer, another employee of the theater, slept in the basement, where the fire originated, and was cut off.

FIFTY CASES OF POISONING
Oysters Said to Be Cause of Illness in Indiana Town.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Dec. 17.—Prof. A. M. Berger, who is a member of the high school force of teachers, has been unable to teach some of his classes on account of what his physicians pronounce ptomaine poisoning. The physicians report that in the last two weeks there have been over fifty cases of ptomaine poisoning, due to eating canned oysters. People here are also complaining about the quantity of boxes that is being used in the bulk oysters that are shipped to this city.

Christmas and New Year's Rates
Via Oregon Short Line. Tickets on sale December 22, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1905, and January 1, 1906, final limit January 4. See O. S. L. agents for particulars.

ACTION UNCLE SAM AGAINST SANTA FE

Important History Concerning the Same Made Public by President.

COMES IN LETTERS WHICH QUOTE COURT DECISIONS

No Possible Ground Shown for Any Action Whatever Against Morton.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Some important history concerning the action of the Government against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company was made public today by authority of President Roosevelt. It was in the form of two letters, under date of the 13th and 15th inst., respectively, the one being written by Attorney-General Moody and the other by the President. The letters quote court decisions and contain considerable information concerning the action of the President and the Attorney-General in the Santa Fe case, particularly by reference to the work of the council of Messrs. Harmon of Cincinnati and Judson of St. Louis, who were employed by the Government to inquire into the facts of the case and who subsequently withdrew from it because their recommendations as to the prosecution of the Santa Fe officials were not adopted. The history of the Santa Fe case is reviewed in the letter by Mr. Moody and the Attorney-General's position is approved by the President in the second letter.

Directions to Moody.
"You direct me," the Attorney-General replies, "to furnish you with a concise history of the case against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway in which that company was charged with unlawful rates and practices in the transportation of coal for the Colorado Fuel and Iron company, and a statement of the bearing of the recent decision of Judge Phillips of the Circuit Court of the United States for the western district of Missouri upon the case, and especially upon the action which you have heretofore taken respecting this case."

Report of Attorney-General.
The Attorney-General recites the investigation and the report of the Interstate Commerce commission, which report suggested the road's practice was in violation of a restraining order issued against the railway company in March, 1902, upon a bill in equity brought by the United States. The Attorney-General reported to the President that proceedings under the restraining order could not be maintained.

Suggests Special Counsel.
"Under ordinary conditions," the letter continues, "the advice which I gave you probably would have been regarded by you as conclusive against the undertaking of any action based upon the restraining order. But the circumstances will be extraordinary and of very great public interest that existed in the case caused by the fact that Mr. Morton, a member of your cabinet, had been vice-president of the railway company charged with the management of the case. I therefore suggested the employment of special counsel of confidence and you directed their employment."

Two Opinions in Instructions.
The instructions to that dated February 14 last presented two opinions. First, in what manner, if any, the injunction in this case was affected by the decision of the Supreme court in the Missouri Pacific railway case against the United States, and second, in case of a restraining order issued by the court in violation of the scope of the injunction at all by reason of the general clause in the record enjoining the Santa Fe company from transporting any other interstate traffic at less than its published rates, whether this general injunction to obey the law has any force or virtue in it, in view of parts of the recent decision of the Supreme court in the "beef trust" case.

Attorneys Differed With Moody.
"The special counsel," the Attorney-General says, "entertained an opinion upon these two questions different from that I had expressed to you, and that opinion, by your direction, was acquiesced in for the purpose of further action."
"Later the difference arose between counsel and the Attorney-General as to whether an information for contempt of the injunction should be filed against the managing officers of the corporation. On April 11, 1905, counsel held that, upon investigation of the charge of contempt, evidence might be forthcoming to show whether the managing officers had been guilty of contempt or not. Attorney-General Moody adds, 'The nature of the evidence which might be expected was not indicated.'"

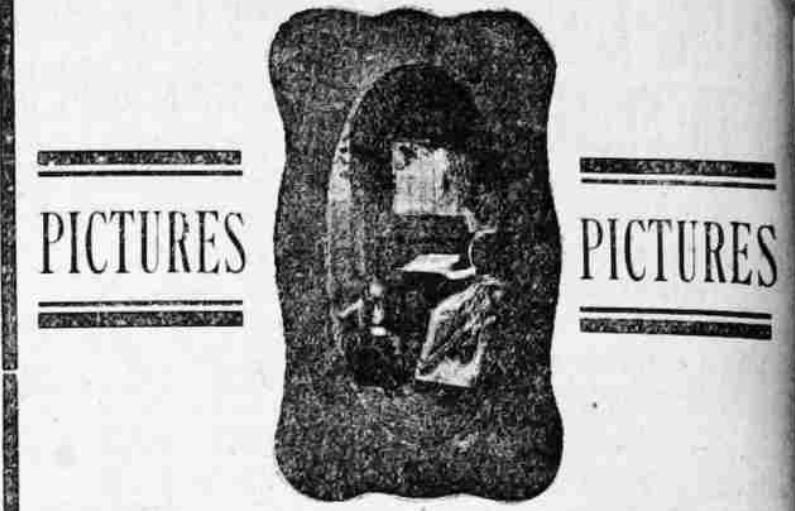
As to Ripley and Morton.
On May 19 last the Attorney-General wrote the special counsel that there was no testimony against any except the minor officers and Mr. Riddle who might claim immunity, and that as to Messrs. Ripley and Morton, president and vice-president, the time of the Santa Fe case evidence ought to precede on accusation of contempt of court.
The letter reviews the contempt proceedings brought against the company itself by the President's direction and Judge Phillips's order on December 4 last. Moody adds, 'The nature of the evidence which might be expected was not indicated.'"

Judge Phillips Issued Injunction.
I have stated that Judge Phillips issued the restraining order drawn into the question of these informations for contempt. The order was issued by him after full argument by counsel for the United States and for the railway company. Undoubtedly his decision in the contempt cases was inconsistent with his action upon the original bill in equity. Report has it that last Friday night, a party of thirty women sat up the greater part of the night to see that nothing was smuggled in. About 3 o'clock in the morning, it is said, they encountered a beer wagon driver coming into town with a load.

President's Letter to Moody.
"The White House, Washington, Dec. 15, 1905.—Sir:—I have received your letter of December 13, 1905. The facts therein set forth leave in no doubt that you were absolutely right in the position you have all along taken, both as regards the proceedings proposed against the officers of the company, including Paul Morton, recently a member of my cabinet. In my letter of June 12 last, in reply to yours of June 5, in which you advised the course which has actually been taken and which has been so signally justified by the event, I wrote you that, in my judgment as in your own, you would seem wholly without justification in proceeding individually against the officers, as there was not a particle of evidence against them."

No Shielding of Morton.
"I added: 'One of the officers, Mr. Morton, is a member of my cabinet. This fact is not allowed to shield him, nor, on the other hand, is it to be allowed to cause him to be singled out, or the officers with whom he is associated, to be singled out for attack.'"
"I directed you to proceed against the company and of course to proceed against any individual officer, if any testimony was produced showing that he had been personally guilty either by act or connivance, stating that I agreed with the doubt you had ex-


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CORRUPT PRACTICE AT ALL ELECTIONS

Legislation Is Suggested Committee to Prevent Such Conditions.

BRIBERY IS ALLEGED IN MANY PARTS OF NEW YORK

Campaign Contributions by Corporations Should Be Prohibited.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—The executive committee of the "Association to Prevent Corrupt Practices at Elections," of which former Mayor Seth Low of New York chairman, gave out here tonight a letter which has been sent to Gov. Hylan suggesting legislation for the purification of elections which the committee regards as desirable.

Bribery Is Alleged.
Attention is called to the fact that bribery is alleged to be rampant at elections in many parts of the State, and is asserted that the explicit anti-bribery provisions of the penal code are disregarded, "because no person has a motive for the enforcement of sufficient to him invoke the criminal laws against who may be a neighbor and a friend."

Would Stop Contributions.
"We believe," say the committee, "the Legislature should give other provisions than the criminal law to protect citizens. Campaign contributions by corporations shall be prohibited. Itemized statements of accounts should be required of political committees and other persons as well as of candidates; candidates should be punished for bribery by forfeiture of offices and parties should be punished by loss of votes."

What Is Proposed.
Legislation is proposed differing from that in force elsewhere in two important respects: "First, by providing that citizens may force a judicial inquiry which shall be a party with the right of producing testimony and of examining witnesses as to the truth of statements and the existence of bribery; second, and the existence of bribery; and third, providing that where a political party has been guilty, by its agents, of bribery in an election district, it shall lose its vote in that district."

HE KEPT THE SNAKE
Boa Constrictor Found in Bunch of Bananas.

CARNI, Ill., Dec. 17.—While unpacking a bunch of bananas, J. G. Thomas, a merchant of Tunnsville, a little town south of here, found a young boa constrictor. The reptile was about three feet in length and was in a comatose condition. Thomas threw the bananas away, but kept the snake.

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